

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7535

Investigation into: (1) petition of AARP, for the )  
establishment of reduced rates for low-income )  
consumers of Green Mountain Power Corporation and )  
Central Vermont Public Service Corporation; and (2) as )  
expanded to possibly include general applicability to all )  
Vermont retail electric utilities )

Order entered: 12/1/2011

**SCHEDULING ORDER**

On November 17, 2011, the Vermont Department of Public Service (the "Department") filed a request with the Public Service Board ("Board") seeking to extend certain filing deadlines in the existing procedural schedule in this docket.<sup>1</sup> In its modification request, the Department indicated that its scheduling proposal is supported by all parties to this proceeding. Having reviewed the Department's assented-to scheduling proposal, I hereby adopt the following procedural schedule:

December 9, 2011	Green Mountain Power Corporation ("GMP") and Central Vermont Public Service Corporation ("CVPS") shall each file a proposed plan for the establishment of a low-income rate program that complies with the requirements of the Vermont Public Service Board's Order of July 22, 2011 (the "Compliance Proposal") .
December 16, 2011	Deadline for comments on the Compliance Proposal to be filed by the Department, AARP, IBM and any other party.
January 6, 2012	Deadline for GMP and CVPS to file written responses addressing any comments filed on December 16, 2011. As warranted, GMP and CVPS shall file revised versions of their respective Compliance Proposals to reflect the comments received from the other parties.

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1. Letter from Louise Porter, Esq., on behalf of the Department, to Susan M. Hudson, dated November 17, 2011.

January 17, 2012      Deadline for the Department, AARP, IBM and any other party to file comments on the revised Compliance Proposals filed on January 6, 2012.

February 1, 2012      GMP and CVPS shall file final proposed Compliance Plans which shall include (1) direct testimony that explains how their respective proposed plans are supported by the existing evidentiary record of this docket, (2) direct testimony that supplements the existing evidentiary record, as needed, to show how their respective proposed plans are consistent with the requirements of the Board's Order of July 22, 2011, and (3) proposed tariffs for implementation upon issuance of a final Board Order approving the respective final proposed Compliance Plans of GMP and CVPS.

Additionally, the parties shall file either (1) an assented-to proposed procedural schedule for reviewing the final proposed Compliance Plans, or (2) a request for a status conference.

The parties further agree that each party shall have the right to conduct informal discovery on each other until February 1, 2012.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2011.

s/June E. Tierney  
June E. Tierney, Esq.  
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED:      December 1, 2011

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson  
Clerk of the Board

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